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Transmittal # 104 CHAMPVA Policy Manual

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**PUBLICATIONS AND TRANSMITTAL CHANGE  
FOR THE CHAMPVA PM (POLICY MANUAL)**

Explanation of the changes and related index updates to the CHAMPVA PM are in the following summary.

Transmittal changes may include removal of supplemental language previously noted in the body of the policy or the transmittal memorandum.

**MTOC (Master Table of Contents)**

- Removes Chapter 2, Section 22.3, *Liquid Protein Diets*, to RESERVED.
- Adds title change for Chapter 2, Section 15.1, *E&M (Evaluation and Management) Services-Office Visits-General*.
- Adds title change for Chapter 2, Section 28.1, *OSAS (Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome)*.

**Chapter 2, Section 5.1, *ADJUNCTIVE DENTAL CARE***

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Exclusions A. adds congenital syphilis as an example of certain systemic causes, and under C. adds implants.

**Chapter 2, Section 5.7, *ORAL SURGERY***

- Amends Related Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy adds new CPT codes and descriptions, references of oral surgery to the temporomandibular joint, and adjunctive dental care.
- Under Policy Considerations removes reference to surgical preparation of the mouth for dentures, and extraction of unerupted or partially erupted, malposed or impacted teeth, with or without the attached follicular or development tissues and moves this language to Exclusions; adds policy reference.

- Adds Exclusions to include surgical preparation of the mouth for dentures; extraction of unerupted or partially erupted, malposed or impacted teeth, with or without the attached follicular or development tissues; and vestibuloplasty.

**Chapter 2, Section 15.1, E&M (EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT) SERVICES-OFFICE VISITS.**

- Amends Title.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy clarifies E&M coverage criteria; removes reference to “New” or “Established Patient” and reference to services processed and paid under CPT codes 99202 and 99213 for new and established patients and adds this language to Policy Considerations.
- Under Policy Considerations adds language as described above and removes reference to PUVA therapy.
- Under Exclusions removes reference C. regarding E&M services that are not payable when billed with clinical brachytherapy, hemodialysis and miscellaneous dialysis, pulmonary and allergen immunotherapy.

**Chapter 2, Section 16.8, QUESTIONABLE PROCEDURES AND TESTS.**

- Amends Related Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy adds unlisted cardiovascular procedure.
- Removes Policy Considerations.

**Chapter 2, Section 16.11, VITAMIN B-12 INJECTIONS.**

- Amends Related Authority.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Removes Exceptions and adds this language under Exclusion.
- Adds Exclusion and vitamin B-12 injections to strengthen tendons or ligaments of the foot.

**Chapter 2, Section 19.2, BONE GROWTH STIMULATORS.**

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Policy removes restrictive language concerning long bone fractures.
- Under Exclusions removes reference of invasive and semi-invasive electrical stimulation to fractures of appendicular bones other than long bones.

**Chapter 2, Section 19.3, ILIZAROV BONE LENGTHENING TECHNIQUE.**

- Amends Procedure Codes.

**Chapter 2, Section 19.4, PECTUS EXCAVATUM.**

- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Removes Exceptions and reference to the non-coverage of breast augmentation due to the congenital absence of the pectoralis major and minor muscles.

**Chapter 2, Section 22.3, LIQUID PROTEIN DIETS.**

- Removes Chapter 2, Section 22.3, *Liquid Protein Diets* to RESERVED. Policy guidance pertaining to Liquid Protein Diets is now found in Chapter 2, Section 29.15, *Surgery For Morbid Obesity*.

**Chapter 2, Section 28.1, OSAS (OBSTRUCTIVE SLEEP APNEA SYNDROME).**

- Amends Title.
- Amends Procedure Codes.
- Under Exclusions adds Electrosleep Therapy; specific conditions for diagnostic testing for narcolepsy; diagnostic sleep testing for specific conditions; sleep testing for patients whose complaint is short of duration or for patients who do not experience functional disability during the day; and somnoplasty system for obstructive sleep apnea.

**Chapter 2, Section 29.15, SURGERY FOR MORBID OBESITY.**

- Amends Related Authority.
- Under Policy Considerations adds that treatment of complications as a result of the diet, are subject to regulatory provisions on complications from non-covered treatment and policy reference Chapter 2, Section 22.3, *Liquid Protein Diets*.
- Under Exclusions adds dietary control or weight reduction, such as liquid protein diets, to include cost of predigested protein, physician's visits and testing performed in conjunction with the diet.

**Chapter 3, Section 4.1, OHI (OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE).**

- Removes from Definitions reference to CHAMPVA and OHI Write-Offs/Network Discounts and adds this language under Policy.
- Under Policy adds language from Definitions and guidance regarding determining patient responsibility (co-payment, co-insurance, and deductible) when processing claims with OHI.

**Code Index.** Amends index to add and delete codes referenced in this transmittal.

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